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Ms. Irene Stillings
Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Stillings,

Planning for our region's energy future is essential to economic prosperity of the business community in National City and the region. At the National City Chamber of Commerce, we appreciate the work that the Regional Energy Office has done compiling the San Diego Regional Energy Infrastructure Study. This is a useful tool in the planning process of how to meet the region's growing energy needs. The report validates what most energy industry experts have said – that the region needs more energy infrastructure in the future, including renewable energy, generation, and transmission.

The study clearly indicates that the San Diego region needs more transmission infrastructure to deliver energy to the region. San Diego Gas & Electric is already planning for this need for through its proposal for the Valley-Rainbow Interconnect, yet this critical piece of infrastructure has not been included in your report. The National City Chamber of Commerce strongly urges you to include this critically needed infrastructure project in the final version of your report.

The National City Chamber of Commerce would like to be included in your record as joining the growing number of civic organizations and supporters in support of the Valley Rainbow Interconnect. At the National City Chamber of Commerce, planning for our region's energy future is essential. Our region's economic prosperity depends on it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edith Hughes".

Edith Hughes
Executive Director
National City Chamber of Commerce